

HOMework ZONE

TAKING TESTS

TRUE/FALSE

Test-Taking Basics

- Read directions carefully.
- Review the whole test before beginning.
- Plan your time. Figure out how much time you should spend on each question.
Count how many questions are on the test and how many points each is worth.
Spend the most time answering the questions worth the most points.
- Answer the easiest questions first.
- Review your answers.

True/False

True or false questions give you a statement and you have to decide if the statement is true or false.

Tips for true/false questions

- Choose true, unless you're sure it's false.
- If any part of the statement is false, the answer has to be false. For a statement to be true, the whole thing must be true.

Example: Is this statement true or false?

"Philadelphia, the largest city in Delaware, is sometimes hot in the summer."

The answer is false. Philadelphia is hot in the summer but it is in Pennsylvania, not Delaware. Because part of the statement is false, the entire statement is false.

- Watch out for statements with words like never, always, no, every, entirely, only.
For statements like this, they really have to be total. If a statement says "always," it has to be always, each and every time. "None" or "never" means not one exception! A statement that says "always true" means if you can think of one time when it's false, the statement is false.

Example: Is this statement true or false?

"It is always hot in Philadelphia."

The answer is false. Philadelphia is hot in the summer but it's not always hot. Because it is not always hot, the answer is false.

- Questions with words like sometimes, often, many, some, frequently, or ordinarily, generally are more likely to be true because they leave some room. If you can think of one case when this is true, then the answer is true.

Example: Is this statement true or false?

"It is sometimes hot in Philadelphia." The answer is true. Philadelphia is hot sometimes.

- If the statement is long and contains many sentences, check to see if any of the sentences are wrong. If one is wrong, then the entire statement is false.
- Cross out double negatives. They make sentences harder to read.

For example:

You will not be healthy if you do not exercise.

or

You will ~~not~~ be healthy if you do ~~not~~ exercise.



People with talent always become famous.

TRUE OR FALSE

George Washington and James Madison are the only presidents to have states named after them.

TRUE OR FALSE

All bats can eat 600 bugs in one hour and up to 3,000 in one night.

TRUE OR FALSE

Answers: false, false, false